

President Roh, a new generation of Koreans will effectively use their country's untapped human, economic, and political potential to shape an even brighter and more prosperous world.

The new South Korean government also presents an important opportunity for US Korean relations. We must work together to ease the tension that has been permitted to rise on the peninsula in recent months. I know Americans share a common goal with the South Korean people in achieving a safer, more secure world, and promoting peace and prosperity on the Korean peninsula and throughout Asia.

The United States is dedicated to achieving these common goals with South Korea. Both nations must come together to formulate proposals to address the security challenges we are facing. Over the last 50 years, we have joined with South Korea to promote democracy in Asia. I am hopeful that our relationship will continue to grow under President Roh's leadership.

I want to congratulate President Roh and the citizens of South Korea for boldly taking up the challenge to build a better and safer Korea.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO EXPAND NATIVE CONTRACTING IN THE STATE OF ALASKA

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am again introducing a bill to expand the Alaska Native contracting of Federal land management functions and activities and to promote hiring of Alaska Natives by the Federal government within the State of Alaska.

Many rural Alaska native communities are located within close proximity of refuges that play an important role in the culture of Alaska natives and other residents in rural Alaska. Congress, through Sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980 directed the Secretary of the Interior to establish programs whereby Native lands were given preference for siting of conservation service unit facilities and for native hiring. These provisions also recognized that the Natives whose front and back yards were now part of the federal parks and preserves systems should be involved in the administering of the lands because of their special knowledge and expertise concerning the natural or cultural resources of such areas.

P.L. 106-488 authorized two pilot projects in the Bering Straits and NANA Region in north-west Alaska. These include the following preserves: Bering Land Bridge National Preserve; Cape Krusenstern National Monument; Kobuk Valley National Park; and Noatak National Preserve. Neither of these projects have been implemented.

Twenty-three years have passed since the 1980 ANILCA amendments were enacted, and the contracting and native hire provisions remain unfulfilled by the Department of the Interior. My bill would remedy this by directing the Department of the Interior to implement sections 1307 and 1308 of the 1980 ANILCA amendments and enter into demonstration projects.

RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN JOHN MOORE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephen John Moore, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, earning his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos rankings as well as his God and Me, God and Family, and the Arrow of Light Awards. Over the ten years he has been involved in Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, quartermaster, and senior patrol leader. Stephen also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements by becoming a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Stephen improved portions of a trail at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary. He constructed a rock bridge, two check dams, and a rocked part of the White Tail Trail, helping walkers get through the park more easily.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen John Moore for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MARSHA SHARP EARNS 500TH CAREER VICTORY

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Marsha Sharp for her outstanding accomplishments as the head coach of the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. Her efforts have gained her 500 career wins at the helm of this storied basketball program.

Marsha Sharp has become the 22nd women's basketball coach in NCAA Division I history, and just the second in Texas, to achieve 500 wins. Her career record of 500-156 and winning percentage of .762 ranks in the top 10 among all-time Division I coaches. Marsha Sharp's success as a coach and mentor has been nationally renowned during her 20 years at Texas Tech.

Her commitment to excellence has earned many successes for both her and the teams that she has led. Coach Sharp is in her 21st season as the head coach of the Lady Raider Basketball program. She guided the Lady Raiders to the NCAA National Championship in 1993 and has led Texas Tech to the NCAA Tournament 15 times, including 13 straight. She has taken her team to the Sweet 16 nine times and the Elite Eight three times. She has also led her teams to numerous conference titles.

Marsha Sharp's achievements go far beyond wins and conference titles. She has volunteered her precious time for numerous civic activities and non-profit organizations. She

helps these worthy groups generate awareness and raise much needed funds. Texas Tech and the Lubbock Community are very privileged to have an individual that is as caring and generous as Coach Sharp.

It is with great pride that I commend Marsha Sharp for her accomplishments as a coach and community leader, and I congratulate her on winning her 500th game as the head coach of the Lady Raiders.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, and consequently missed a recorded vote on H. Res. 98. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 33.

And I was also regrettably absent for the recorded vote on H. Res. 46. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 34.

HONORING EDWARD MEDEIROS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the citizens of Massachusetts in honoring Mr. Edward Medeiros, former deputy of the Knights of Columbus 40th District in Massachusetts.

Mr. Medeiros has been the leader of five district councils for the past three years. The councils include Monsignor James Coyle Council 82 of Taunton, Massachusetts; Fall River Council 86 of Fall River, Massachusetts; St. Isidore the Fanner Council 4373 of Westport, Massachusetts; St. Joseph Council 4480 of Kingston, Massachusetts; and Cross of Christ Council 12283 of Assonet, Massachusetts.

Furthermore, Mr. Medeiros has served as the Financial Secretary of the Monsignor Augusto Leal Furtado Council 12348 of Somerset, Massachusetts and a member of Rev. Robert H. Buchan Assembly 2314 of Middleboro, Massachusetts. In addition to serving as a District Deputy and Financial Secretary, he has dedicated numerous hours to youth programs, pro-life activities, and church education. Mr. Medeiros was an active organizer and chair of the Fall River Catholic Diocese Charity Ball.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that Edward Medeiros is commended for many years of dedication to his community as he celebrates his 50th anniversary as a member of the Knights of Columbus in June. I am sure that the citizens of the 40th District, the people he served in Southeastern Massachusetts as well as my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Mr. Medeiros for his years of community service.